

Slang.

Professor O'Shea of the University of Wisconsin, boldly defends the use of slang. He says it has its use; it is a language builder; that what is slang today may become perfectly good English five years hence. One contemporary endorses the O'Shea view and adds that slang is far better than profanity; that people who use slang are rarely vulgar and profane. They find in the odd and unusual expressions the outlet they need for enthusiasm or other emotions, says a Georgia newspaper.

Chaucer and Shakespeare were users of what was slang in their day, maintain the modern slang advocates. It is pointed out that language is merely a vehicle of thought and that whatever words convey the thought correctly are not only permissible but right, whether anybody ever used them before or not.

These points may be well taken, but we are not inclined to give the Bowery bums of New York credit for purifying and elevating our language. To adopt slang is the course of least resistance in speaking and writing and whether this is the best method or not permits of considerable discussion before it shall be accepted.

Croup is most prevalent during the dry cold weather of the early winter months. Parents of young children should be prepared for it. All that is needed is a bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy. Many mothers are never without it in their homes and it never disappoints them. Sold by City Drug Store and S. E. McGeachy.

Health Insurance.

In one of the old-time drought years, from which Kansas used to suffer, Aunt Tina, an admirable old lady of Teutonic extract, kept writing back East, complaining that the drought and grasshoppers had driven them to the verge of starvation. Finally, some of her kin, thinking it best to do something in the matter, packed up a great lot of goods and shipped them to her. One of them followed in due time to arrive with the goods.

Aunt Tina was overjoyed, and assured her relative that succor had arrived just in the nick of time. The eyes of the other, however, rested on a row of six or eight barrels ranged along the kitchen wall.

What's in these barrels, Aunt Tina? he finally asked.

Sauerkraut, answered Aunt Tina.

Sauerkraut? Oh, Auntie, and I thought you were starving to death.

Starving to death! Ach, mein Gott, child, sobbed the old lady, we kept dot in case of sickness.

The Fickleness of Fame.

When it is considered that it has been but little more than a decade since Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, was mentioned nearly every day on the front page of every newspaper in the land, one wonders at the fickleness of fame. How many people in this country know where Aguinaldo is now and what occupation he is pursuing? Who hears the name of Admiral Dewey mentioned now, except that it is occasionally in the columns of local Washington papers. What is General Frederick Funston doing? Of the group of men that the Spanish-American war brought suddenly into fame, Hero Hobson, of Alabama, is the only one who keeps in the limelight and his present prominence is due, not to the bottling up of the Spanish fleet with the sunken Merrimac, which did not bottle, nor to his

kissing tour across the country, but rather to the work he is at present doing in Congress.

In a little Missouri town, in the present campaign, a Republican candidate for Congress, was addressing an audience on the hustings. He paid a high compliment to the Taft administration and then, in spread eagle fashion declared:

And, gentlemen of this thriving little town, I want to assure you that if I am honored by your votes and am sent from this district to the halls of Congress to represent you honest, clean-handed, God-fearing people, the best people that the sun shines upon, I will carry out the policies of the present administration.

Then up jumped a man in the rear of the hall, who shouted: Don't take the trouble to carry 'em out, throw them out.

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Taking the Hint.

At home stations the private soldiers washing is usually done by the married soldiers' wives, who are expected to sew on missing buttons and do repairs, for which a small sum is deducted from the private's pay.

Pat McGinnis had a good deal of trouble with his laundress. Sunday after Sunday had his shirt come back with the neck button off or else hanging by a thread. He had spoken to her on the subject, and she had promised to see to it, but still the button was not on properly.

He got out of patience one Sunday when the missing button had made him late for parade and exclaimed:

"Bother the woman! I'll see if I can't give her a hint this time, any-how."

He then took the lid of a tin blacking box about three inches in diameter, drilled two holes in it with a fork and sewed it on to the neck of the shirt that was next to be washed. When his washing came back he found she had taken the hint. She had made a buttonhole to fit it!—London Answers.

Curious Village Names.

There is in Dorset a group of villages which in some form or other have as their eponym the stream in whose valley they are situated. The stream is named Puddle, and the villages bear the names of Puddle Hinton, Puddle-town, Tulpuddle, Appuddle, Turner's Puddle and Bryan's Puddle. One is reminded of the riddle about the letter "m." Some, like Queen Mary, "have it before;" some, like King William, "have it behind." Poor things, poor things! "The inhabitants of these villages," says Marcus Dimsdale, who writes in the Cornhill Magazine on "English Village Names," "sent to a former postmaster general—if I am rightly informed, Cecil Raikes—a request that they might be allowed to change their names and replace them with more euphonious substitutes which they obligingly supplied. Back came the official reply, curt, overbearing, inexorable, 'Puddle you are, and puddle you must remain!'"

On the Road to Learning.

"You say you know nothing at all about our railway?" said the official. "Nothing whatever," answered the applicant for employment.

"Well, you come highly recommended. I suppose we'll have to put you in the bureau of information and let the traveling public educate you."—Washington Star.

Probably.

Myer—I wonder why Browne added the "e" to his name after inheriting a fortune? Gyer—He probably figures out to his own satisfaction that rich people are entitled to more ease than poor people.—London Globe

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